ANNUAL REPORT 2013

Special Olympics Kansas

LETTER FROM THE CEO & PRESIDENT

Dear Special Olympics Kansas friend,

I am pleased to bring you our 2013 Special Olympics Kansas Annual Report. How quickly it seems to have come and gone. As you read this report, you will see that 2013 was a very good year for our organization as we witnessed expansion and enhancements of our programming statewide.

As we close in on 45 years of providing programs for individuals with intellectual disabilities in Kansas, it seems that we are getting better with age! We have completed the third year of our current 4 year Strategic Plan and are in position to reach our goals and objectives by next year. We have been able to take advantage of many opportunities to help us provide service to not only our traditional athletes, but to youth of all abilities, families, medical professionals and their communities.

Some of the 2013 highlights include: receiving a portion of the Golisano Foundation gift to implement the Healthy Communities Pilot Project in local communities, the addition of the Little Feet program for children 6-7 years of age and the start-up of a partnership with the Sporting KC Football Club to implement the Unified Sports® program. Of course, none of this would have been possible without the help of the thousands of volunteers who so willingly share their time and talents, and the Law Enforcement Torch Run® officers who eclipsed the $423,000 mark in their fund raising efforts.

Throughout this report, you will see stories from the athletes and volunteers. We are fortunate to work with such wonderful people whom we are proud to call our family. We thank you for your continued support and passion for the organization. There is no doubt about the secret of our success: it is the passion, dedication and drive of everyone involved in our organization.

Special Olympics is one movement, across every community and every country. As we build communities of acceptance, loving families, inspired employees, coaches, volunteers and fans, we are united in our commitment to inclusion, respect and dignity.

Chris Hahn
President and CEO
Special Olympics Kansas

WORLD GAMES

Athletes ***Scott Ball*** of Pittsburg (Snowshoeing) and ***Helen Will-Gallegos*** of Wichita (cross country skiing) were selected to represent TEAM USA at the 2013 Special Olympics Winter World Games in PyeongChang, Republic of Korea.

Ball lost 90 pounds in his year of training for the games, and brought home two 4th place ribbons. Will-Gallegos trained in sand during the summer and fall before the games and brought home two Silver medals.

KANSAS UNIFIED SOCCER LEAGUE

For the first time ever, Special Olympics Kansas teamed up with Sporting Club Network of Sporting KC to host the first annual Kansas Unified Soccer League (KUSL) Championship Tournament in Fall 2013. The tournament is a result of a new partnership with SOKS and Sporting KC.

KUSL pairs high school students with and without intellectual disabilities to play on the same team. Five metro Kansas City teams who participated in the inaugural tournament were: Bonner Springs, F.L. Schlagle, J.C. Harmon, Washington and Mill Valley High School. Teams trained for over 8 weeks at their local high schools and had the chance to show their school spirit by competing for their school and engaging with their peers.

As members of the Sporting Club Network, students also attended an athlete clinic with Sporting Kansas City players along with exclusive access to opportunities and events unique to Sporting Club and Sporting Kansas City. At the tournament, Seth Sinovic, Sporting KC Defender, served as Honorary Tournament Commissioner

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE

SOKS is part of the South Central Region of Special Olympics, along with Oklahoma, Missouri, Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana. Bi-annually the 6 states hold a leadership conference as an opportunity for families, coaches, LETR, and athletes to meet their counter-parts.

In October, SOKS took the largest delegation ever to the conference in Tulsa, OK. Overall it was a great success with an exchange of ideas, experiences, and opportunities to network.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Five events were held in Salina as part of the Healthy Communities Pilot Initative creating awareness of the health issues facing persons with intellectual disabilities (ID) and the problems they face with obtaining healthcare and providing opportunities for a healthy lifestyle:

- Nursing students at Brown Mackie College received a presentation on creating the best possible care for individuals with ID. 89% felt as a result of the training they will be able to provide better care for their patients with ID

- 8 agencies attended a community luncheon to create awareness of the Healthy Communities project, and to determine ways to partner with SOKS
- 22 Families attended a Health Care Forum that focused on creating a healthy lifestyle and developing independence for the diasabled population. Attendees received nutritional information, guidance on weight management and obtaining health care
- SOKS teamed up with Salina Parks and Recreation and KSU Nutrition Extension to provide free healthy cooking classes for individuals with ID

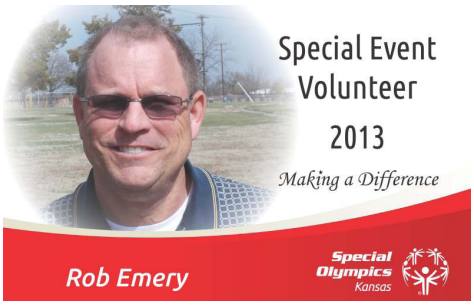
- Through a partnership with Salina YMCA, persons with ID are able to attend free weekly hour-long sessions at the YMCA to utilize exercise machines, rooms and attend fitness classes

HEALTHY ATHLETES

- Persons with disabilities in the Salina region were able to participate in health screenings that included: Health Promotion, Healthy Hearing and Special Smiles. Through a partnership with Salina Family Health Clinic some participants received much needed follow-up care
- All SOKS athletes had the opportunity to attend free screenings at three State venues for Fun Fitness, Healthy Hearing, Health Promotion, Opening Eyes and Special Smiles. 647 athletes were screened
- ***One success of many***: a SOKS athlete was found to have 23 cavities and was unable to get treatment as Medicare did not cover all the services needed. With the assistance of the Kansas Dental Association he received treatment in Hutchinson, from Dentist Mary Brummett

Healthy Athletes and Healthy Communities are funded in part by grants from Amerigroup and The Walmart Foundation.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE



MOST INSPIRATIONAL ATHLETE

Brayden Hugunin, Burlington
Summer Games

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

David Anderson,

Patty Stephenson, Wichita

Larry Williams, Olathe

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LETR EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

- Sergeant Jeff Bragg, Olathe Police Department was inducted into LaMunyon Hall of Fame and also represented Kansas in the Final Leg at the World Games in China

- Raised $451,482 through events, torch runs, merchandise sales and donations

- More than 1200 Law Enforcement Officers participated in the LETR movement during the year

- The Flame of Hope traveled 1,558 miles across Kansas enroute the State Summer Games

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Bekah Henderson, Topeka, was recognized as the Big 12 Female Special Olympic Athlete of the Year at half-time of the Big 12 Mens Basketball Championship Game.
She received a commerative ring in honor of the event.

Brady Tanner, Lawrence, was inducted into American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame. The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to recognize the great athletes of American Indian heritage and to serve as a model for Indian youth to strive for their own physical greatness. Tanner is the first athlete with intellectual disabilities to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. His selection was based on his powerlifting success, both in Special Olympics, and national organizations

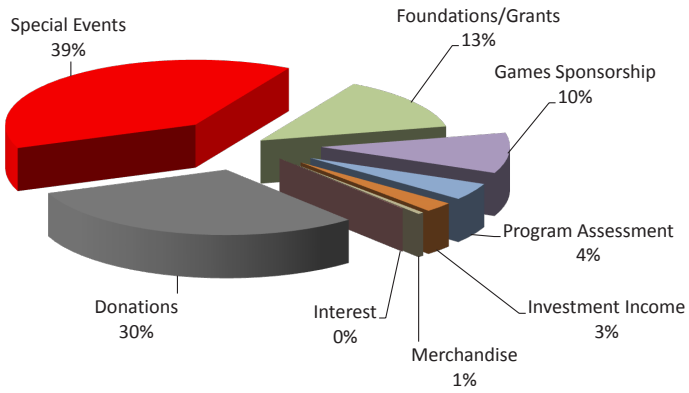
SPECIAL OLYMPICS KANSAS

AUDITED STATEMENT of REVENUES and EXPENSES

Year Ending December, 31 2013

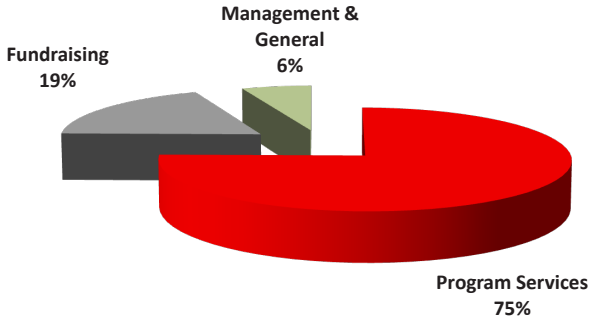
REVENUES

Special Events	$	936,985
Donations	$	726,971
Foundations/Grants	$	319,931
Games Sponsorship	$	241,046
Program Assessment	$	102,507
Investment Income	$	60,067
Merchandise	$	12,672
Interest	$	1,346
TOTAL REVENUES	$	2,401,525



EXPENSES

Program Services	$	1,710,309
Mgmt & General	$	137,420
Fundraising	$	423,849
TOTAL EXPENSES	$	**2,271,578**



IN KIND VALUES

REVENUES

Product	$	**337,750**
Volunteers	$	**1,232,584**
Total	$	**1,570,334**

EXPENSES

Program Services	$	**171,061**
Mgmt & General	$	**0**
Fundraising	$	**166,689**
Total	$	**337,750**

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